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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.
HONGKONG.

D. C. & Co's

DISINFECTING FLUID.

Similar to Condy's at quarter the price.

Large bottles \$0.50
Per gallon \$2.00

This is a safe and reliable disinfectant and is not poisonous.

NO better preventive against Plague and Disease is possible than a well disinfected house.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
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Hongkong, 21st May, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

DISINFECTANTS.

CARBOLIC POWDER.

For the disinfection of Houses, Cess-pools, Drains, Water-closets, &c., and for the Disinfection of Sick-rooms.

CARBOLIC ACID.

For Disinfecting Purposes.

Half an ounce (about one table-spoonful) of this Acid when well mixed with one quart of water forms a superior disinfecting and deodorizing fluid.

Half a pint of the Solution thus formed, when added to any vessel used in the Sick-room, will prevent any unpleasant effluvia, and preserve the contents for Medical inspection. It also purifies Drains, Water-closets, &c.

A tea-spoonful of Carbolic Acid exposed on a plate or other vessels in a Sick-room will purify the air and prevent contagion.

PERMANGANATE DISINFECTANT.

Similar to Condy's but cheaper.

50 cents a quart bottle.

A nice clean disinfectant for Dwelling-rooms and Bath-rooms.

CAMPHYLENE POWDER.

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NAPHTHALINE.

QUICKLIME.

IZAL.

CONDY'S FLUID.

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SANITAS POWDER.

SANITAS FLUID.

At the present time disinfectants ought to be used freely by all.

All disinfectants used on the higher levels of the city will, in addition to purifying the house drains in which they are used, beneficially affect the condition of the drains on the lower levels, and should be used freely.

Further information can be obtained by personal application to

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 16th May 1894.

DEATH.

On the 2nd instant, at the Government Civil Hospital, WILLIAM THOMAS BEVAN, aged 45 (suddenly).

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE IN THE HOUSE.

LONDON, May 31st.

A motion brought forward in the House of Commons by Sir William Vernon Harcourt to give priority to Government business during the remainder of the session, was adopted by a majority of seventeen.

PROGRAMME OF THE NEW FRENCH MINISTRY.

M. Dupuy, the new Premier, referring to the financial problem stated that fiscal reforms were most urgent, and that the Foreign Policy would be vigorously defended, the rights of France.

RUSSIA AND THE VATICAN.

A Russian Legation has been established at the Vatican.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Aden*, from China, arrived at London yesterday morning.The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding cargo pursuant to orders 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

The biggest nugget ever known in the world's history of mining was unearthed in the Smuggler silver mine at Aspen, Colorado, early last month. It weighed no less than 3,300 pounds and being almost pure silver is valued at \$125,000.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Canton* left Bombay for this port on the morning of the 31st ult.We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) that the "Shire" Line steamer *Cardianthra*, bringing the outward cargo of the steamship *Glamorganshire*, left Singapore for this port today, and is due on or about the 8th inst.A SPECIAL meeting of members of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the City Hall on the 9th instant to nominate a temporary substitute for the Hon. T. H. Whitehead in the Legislative Council. *Vide* advt. in another column.

THE new notes issued by the National Bank of China, Ltd., were put into circulation in this colony yesterday. The notes, which have their respective values given in English and Chinese on the borders, are very fine specimens of the engraver's and designer's art.

TO-MORROW should be a gala day at Bay View for the general host of the favorite holiday notices that the inauguration of the summer season will be celebrated there with due solemnity. A full band has been chartered and if Jupiter Pluvius will but do the great Tyram act, dry up, all promises to be well.

AN inventor has patented a device for illuminating keyholes which promises to be a boon to the brethren out late at the lodge. A recent in the door frame holds a tiny incandescent lamp, which is lighted by a push-button. The light is sufficient to illuminate the keyhole, but to permit the late-comer to select readily the proper key from his bunch.

NEVER again shall it be said that the *Swail* lacks enterprise and is not well abreast of the times. It has discovered the existence of the plague, and announces the starting intelligence in the following *Carillon* line, "The Plague (with a big 'P') has now been with us for nearly a month," and then abruptly shuts down to rasp for breath, or a whisky or something. *Vide* last night's issue of that winding sheet.THE three Koreans, Ken To Jo, Ken Zai Ju and Kio Tai Gen, who were recently acquitted of the charge of attempting to murder Boku Yei K., the friend of Kim-oh-kim, having been ordered to leave the colony, arrived in Kobe from Tokyo on the 20th ult., and were placed on board the steamer *Genkai-maru*, leaving for Fusan on the 21st inst.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. W. T. Bevan, formerly of the Royal Engineers and more recently of the Public Works Department—a clever man, and with all his faults thoroughly good-hearted, straightforward in every dealing and popular with all who knew him. Mr. Bevan had a fall while going home late last night, and was picked up by the street inspector. He was taken to the hospital, but never recovered consciousness, and died from concussion of the brain. He leaves a widow and family, not yet all grown up.

Granny's sampan-man having fled to regions where plagues are not nor printing presses known, the "shiping" is now left to the tender mercies of the office *amak*. And a pretty mess she is making of the business too! It was on the other day that she with much enthusiasm sent the *Carillon* to have one of the "Douglas" boats had been navigated through Torres Straits and the Indian Sea when making a short but hazardous run from Swatow to Hongkong. The old lady is certainly a bit loose on the subject of geography, though with care and attention she may be coached through it in time and unfortunately she is also a bit off in time and dates, as witness to-day's *Extra*. "A mail will close for Canton, on *Wednesday* the 6th, at 11.30 a.m." Really *Granny* should not take her "Plague Preventive" in such large doses!

AN increased revenue, increased accumulation of funds, a reduction in claims, and a best-on-record for the 68 years of its existence—such is the result of the Standard Life Assurance Company's working for the past year, as stated at the annual general meeting in Edinburgh on the 27th March last. The new proposals for policies during 1893 numbered 4,634, amounting to £2,173,000; and of these, 3,500 policies were issued, for amounts totalling £1,760,000. This brought the face value of existing assurances up to twenty-three million pounds sterling. The Hongkong agents, Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co., expect to have shortly a supply of copies of the annual report for circulation, and maintain they will be glad to afford any information the public may desire.

At the Magistrate's court this morning, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse presiding, Leung Yee, a coolie, was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions on a charge of highway robbery with violence—the first case of the kind which has come before the Bench for a number of years. From the evidence adduced it appeared that the defendant and another coolie "balled up" a well-to-do Chinaman near Bay View Hotel at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and after christening the good lady with pepper cased her of £70 and a pair of gold ear-rings. The defendant was arrested by one of the complainant's coolies, who tied him to a tree until a constable came along, his companion escaping in the confusion. Shau-ki-wan, Inspector of the Police, and the driver of the woman's ricksha fully corroborated, hence the conviction.

A NATIVE merchant of Hanoi named Lal-Thuan was recently arrested as a suspected pirate, and narrowly escaped "getting his hair cut" by the French executioner. It appears that one of the kidnappers upon whom had been apprehended during his captivity a man giving the name of Lal-Thuan, and professing to be a Hanoi merchant and to have been carried off by the band, though his actions led to a belief that he was really a member of the gang. As it happened, however, the Frenchman when brought face to face with the evidence of his own guilt, confessed that he was not the same man. Analytics are often so much alike to the European eye that it might easily have been turned out otherwise, and then all the protestations and *shills* in the world would not have saved him.

RUSSIA in Asia contains an area of 5,000,000 square miles of land suitable for agriculture or pastoral pursuits. Its population numbers nearly 150,000,000. There are several cities with a population exceeding 100,000. The agricultural products exported, which constitute only a very small part of the whole, are valued at an average of \$30,000,000 a year. The output of the mines exported is valued at upward of \$20,000,000 annually, and the fur, fish, skins and other products that come from European Russia from Siberia are worth \$15,000,000. It was for the purpose of developing this vast territory and increasing immigration that the Government of the Czar has undertaken to expend \$300,000,000 upon the Great Siberian Railway, over 4,000 miles long, which will connect the Black Sea and the Baltic with Vladivostok, on the Sea of Japan.

Rich gold has been found in the Wattan mines in Siam and excitement was running high in Bangkok in consequence when the last mail left that port.

ACCORDING to the Bangkok *Times* of the 23rd ult., dacoit outrages are still being reported from the interior of Siam; a particularly brutal case having just come to hand. It appears, says our contemporary, that at eight or nine days ago, a Siamese employed in the Royal Dock Yard was sent up country to Klong Phong, and left at home a wife who had only recently been confined. Whilst mother and child lay in the house a gang of dacoits entered and demanded money. The woman protested that her husband had taken all the money away with him, upon which the miscreants said, "Oh you have been here some years now, you must have money. Money, or you must die." The woman had surrendered her silver bangles and the anklets from her child, but dissatisfied with these the dacoits turned off her head with a sword. They left the child unharmed, however. Some arrests have been made in connection with the affair.A SLIGHTLY different version of our true story about the Landlord and the Whitehead Brigade is going the rounds, and it *non s'ero a ben trovato*.

The soldier had been rummaging about an infected house, turning out rubbish by the ton, and getting himself smothered in dirt and suffocated in Tal-ping-shan ome; at last he got downstairs and bounced out into the street, full of ill against Grumpy Sharp.

"Dear me," said the benign old gentleman, "this is serious work you are doing. Can I assist in any way?" "No, thank you," replied the emergency man, indignantly. "I don't know that you can, just now. But it is serious, as you say, sir—it's awful. You know, it's the bloody landlords that are to blame, for letting their places get into such a state; and I'm told there's one damned old nonfeatherer that call Grumpy Sharp, as he is the worst of the lot—he ought to get the plague himself, and I know where he'd go to when he died!"

THE *Sydney Bulletin*—The Melbourne Cup stakes for 1894, instead of being £70,000 and a trophy, will be only £5,000 and no trophy. This farcical writing on the wall appeared last week, and till then no one had even begun to realize the true awfulness of Melbourne's fall. And since then words have failed to express the situation, and the British language has been feeble and agitated in its efforts to describe the Melbourne of the great is fallen—is fallen! The grass withereth; the flower fadeth; and the Cup has gone bung. Only the eloquent Jeremiah, the prophet of desolation, could do justice to the situation, and therefore *The Bulletin* presents its readers with a few extracts from that weeping prognosticator of old, as its humble tribute to a day of great calamity. And on second thoughts, it doesn't present the extracts, because there is nothing even in Jeremiah that is quite so desolate even to the heart. So *The Bulletin* heaps ashes on his head—or at least it would do so only the engine is run by gas and there aren't any ashes on the premises—and cries ludicrously with a loud voice saying nothing in particular, but thinking several things.The *Daily Post* without the plague or the plague without the *Daily Post* would in all conscience be a sufficient affliction at this season of the year, but both together require something more even than the exercise of logical fortitude. This morning in a wholy *coro* which started off with the *Sunday Post* and ended up with nothing in particular, *p. 4* dec. apt old *Granny* whimpers, "and the Captain Superintendent of Police said that he tried to engage three hundred men for Thursday and Friday. What prospect would a private landlord have of engaging labour, then, especially if team competition be set up for the service of the 'labourers'?" What prospect of hiring labour? Why hire labour at all? Why not start the landlords themselves upon these cleaning missions? And what a beautifully pathetic spectacle it would be to witness his C-M-Gibbs, the *Bulletin*, dear members for justice and the honourable philanthropic, G-sharp and the honourable the pliantine, Matheson and Co. yoked together with a bucket and brush in each hand doing this much-needed charitable work! Then would they earn the substance of the reputations they claim—and perhaps a percentage of the house rents they collect.

A Lively French contemporary publishes the following remarks on the recently promulgated law by the Czar's community:

Whereas the number of cyclists is constantly increasing and that of pedestrians therefore decreasing in proportion, and

Whereas the former will soon be the majority, if not so already, and the minority must give way, on the principle of the greatest good for the greatest number;

It is hereby enacted—

That every pedestrian shall supply himself with a whistle, horn, or other means of signaling his approach whenever he sees a cyclist in his way;

That at right every pedestrian shall carry a bright light prominently exhibited;

That any pedestrian who causes an accident to a cyclist by getting himself upon a path liable to a fine of 100 francs; or in default shall be deported to a neighbouring country;

That all roads shall be made of asphalt or marmalade, and boulevard-paving shall be totally abolished;

That the circulation of ordinary carriages shall be prohibited between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.;

That the tax on cycles shall be replaced by a tax on pedestrians; and finally

That the Republic shall be a cycling republic or nothing at all.

VIVE LA FRANCE!

THE latest news from Sandakan is to the effect that Mr. R. M. Little, the British Resident at Kadat, recently set out from his headquarters to intercept Captain R. A. Bennett, the officer in charge of the troops and convicts on the North Borneo Expedition, who was at the time travelling from Sandakan to Labuan on a tour of inspection. As far as was known on the 20th ult., all had gone well with Captain Bennett's party, while Mr. Little's contingent had fired badly. It seems that the latter officer had despatched an advanced guard ahead of him (consisting of thirty riflemen and a thousand rounds of ammunition) in charge of a Sikh regiment and a number of native carriers, and that when about thirty miles on their journey the latter were attacked by some Dusun hill-tribes who overpowered them, and after killing four of their number, seized their rifles, ammunition and provisions and carried the Sikh orderly to take to his heels in the direction whence he had come. As soon as Mr. A. R. Denning had reached Sandakan, he sent a detachment of Sikh and Gurkha to push through the country with the utmost speed possible with a view to forestalling Captain Bennett with information regarding the hostile attitude of the natives towards the British. It would seem that Mr. Little's party, in consequence of the attack upon the Sikh party, have been unable to proceed, and are now at Sandakan, awaiting the arrival of the Sikh party.

THE *Kobe Chronicle* learns that a telegram has been received by the Japanese Government from Seoul stating that the military force lately dispatched to suppress the Tohoku rebellion, insurgents so powerful that it retreated before they coming into contact with them. The Korean Government is therefore about to dispatch a stronger force to the Z-mu-do with the object of suppressing the rebellion. Matters are said to be serious, however, and the Tohoku-to be securing fresh adherents daily.MAU FAN alias Mau Pan-lai, a godown-man in the employ of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was arrested yesterday by detective Sergeant Holt by virtue of a warrant charging him with having stolen 40 tons of coal from his employers, intended for their steamer *Huyah*, between the 20th and 30th days of April, 1894. The defendant, who is at large on bail in one of the Police Court yesterday, when formal evidence of his arrest was given. The case comes on for hearing at 11 o'clock on Monday forenoon.

It is somewhat singular how frequently the number 'forty' occurs in regard to important incidents, alleged to be facts, reported in the Bible. For instance, the rain that produced the flood fell for forty days and forty nights, and the flood itself lasted forty days before Noah opened the ark. Moses was forty days on the mountain fasting, and the spies spent forty days investigating matters in Canaan before making their report. Elijah fasted forty days in the wilderness, and Jonah gave the people of Nineveh forty days in which to repent. The forty days' fast of Jesus is known to all readers of the New Testament.

THE *Siam Observer* of the 22nd ult.—The sudden decease of Phya Chadook Racha Setthi, which occurred on Saturday afternoon after a brief attack of choleraic diarrhoea, removes from the scene a well-known official, full of years, and reputedly not badly off. He started life as a humble valet, but was appointed commander of the 1st Battalion of the Bangkok Garrison, and was put in charge of the royal steamer *Bangkok*, and made a Luang. Later on he was elevated to the rank of Phya, and finally, when appointed chief book-keeper in the Finance Department, was given a seat in the Senate, and created a Phya, the late King personally superintending the sacrifice of his *yusut*, and bestowing the usual insignia of rank on him. He was also Chief of the King's Phra Chom Klao, in 1854, and the return of the mission the following year was put in charge of the royal steamer *Bangkok*, and made a Luang. 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